

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANAGERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION

FOR THE

INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

PRESENTED TO THE CONTRIBUTORS MARCH, 1843.

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REPORT.

THE Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, respectfully present to the Contributors, their Report of the past year.

During the year, the important changes in the organization of the Institution, commenced in the previous year, have been gradually completed ; almost all the departments having been remodelled by successive steps—each paving the way for the following one, and all obviously tending to the improvement of the School. The arrangements for the supervision by the Board, have also undergone modifications which, it is believed, will render it more effective and more systematic. The Contributors will see the particulars of these changes in the by-laws, herewith presented. It may not be amiss, however, to remark here upon the one of most importance. The system increases the authority, and, of course, the responsibility of the Principal of the Institute, who is now, in fact, the general superintendent of every department, and responsible to the Board and its committees for the correct administration of all. It is believed, that by this plan, greater efficiency, regularity and economy, is obtained, than by a division of responsibility, and the zeal of an active principal is thus infused into every branch of the Institution.

The department of instruction, under the immediate charge of Mr. Tower, has especially felt the effect of his well-

judged efforts, the applications of principles which he has so ably stated in his different reports to the Board. The time of the pupils has been distributed in due proportion between intellectual exercises, music, handicrafts, recreation and rest, and by the aid of the assistant teachers, the time allotted to instruction, has been effectively filled up. The instruction in music has been as thorough as the labours of one teacher can make it, and upon the labours of Mr. Rasché, the Board sets a high value. Music exerts a refining power upon the character of men generally, but its influence upon the blind, is all powerful. It affords a source of pure pleasure to most men, but the highest enjoyment to the blind. It fills what would otherwise be a dreary void in their existence. Through sounds chiefly, they are brought into relation with external nature, and with their fellow men, and musical sounds replace to them the varied relations of light, shade, and colour. Our pupils have, in general, made a progress in this department in proportion to the devotion which they manifest to its exercises. On a late occasion, during the visit, to the Institution, of the daughter of the celebrated composer, Spohr, herself an accomplished musician, they were able, successfully, to perform the difficult Oratorio of the Last Judgment, in compliment to their amiable visitor. The education of our pupils in music is of a kind to make it, in many cases, a means of support after they leave the Institution. Two of those educated here, are teachers of music in similar institutions in Virginia and Ohio, and one has employment of the same kind in our city. It is hoped that some of our churches may yet turn their attention towards our school, to supply them with organists. We do not ask this on the score of charity, but merely desire that a fair trial may be given of the qualifications of the educated blind for such positions.

Instruction in the branches of handicrafts, suited to their condition, is valuable to the blind, as furnishing means of

future support, of present occupation, and of the active exercise of skill and ingenuity. This department, under the immediate direction of Mr. Meyer, has also felt, in common with others, the influence of the energy of the Principal. A new spirit appears to have been awakened among our pupils in reference to work. By opening a shop upon Race Street, the sales of articles manufactured in the Institution, have been considerably increased, so as materially to diminish the expense of this department, and to encourage our pupils by the appearance of a demand for the products of their industry. Our pupils being, most of them, learners in handicraft, and not regular operatives, we cannot expect that this branch of the school will pay its expenses, but it is plain, that persevering attention to the improvement of the articles manufactured and exertion to dispose of them will, in future, much reduce the necessary expenditure. Upon the question, whether the blind may be enabled to support themselves by handicraft employments, the Board would call attention to the views of the Principal, expressed in his recent report to them.

“How far the educated blind, as a class, will be competent to support themselves, is a problem of the deepest interest; one, which it will yet require time to solve. Partial results are obtained by yearly approximation, and these warrant the inference that a large proportion will be able to do so. Many more might accomplish, wholly or in part, the same thing, if they had relations or friends sufficiently interested in their prosperity to buy the raw materials, and sell the manufactured articles for them, and daily to assist them with advice and counsel. But alas! some have no home to welcome them to its cheerful fireside; no friends to counsel and aid them. The prospects of such are truly sad and disheartening. With ability to gain a livelihood by their own exertions, and with a strong desire to escape the degradation of dependence, they must yet submit to be burdens on

society, unless some "Home" is provided for them, where tools can be supplied, raw materials purchased, and manufactured articles sold for them. Thus the products of their labour could be disposed of at the proper time, and to the best advantage, and want could never compel them to force the sale of an article at a great sacrifice. Such a "Home," should be under the same general control and management as the Institution itself, differing, essentially, in its restrictions and regulations."

"It should, if possible, adjoin the Institution, and yet the pupils should not, for obvious reasons, associate generally with the residents in the "Home." Being on the same spot all the advantages of the Institution would be within their reach, and many comforts would be theirs, as a community, which, individually, they could obtain in no other situation. Their taste for music could be fully gratified and still farther cultivated without expense for instruments or instruction, and the books of the Institution would be at their service. Their intellectual advantages would also be greatly increased by participation in the discussions and other exercises of the pupils' Lyceum, and by the use of their library, and their social pleasures not a little enhanced thereby. All these advantages, comforts and enjoyments would be doubly dear, resulting from their own efforts, and depending on their own exertions. How cheering to the last hours of a parent, will be the thought, that in such a "Home," the orphan child of her love is spending his sightless days! How consoling, that she is leaving him cheered by the companionship of those who have not over him the advantage of sight, and who are bound together by a community of thought, and feelings, and interests! There his misfortunes will cease to be peculiar; and there, in the all-absorbing industry requisite for his support and independence, he will even forget its existence. Adjoining land for the erection of a suitable building, might now be purchased

to great advantage. May we not, then, hope that some benevolent person will rejoice in this opportunity of associating his memory, forever, with the blind, by founding such a "Home" in connection with the Institution, and giving it his name? If any thing could induce the pure-hearted to covet a neighbour's wealth, it must be the strong desire to devote it to some holy purpose: if aught could tempt the just man to envy the rich, it would be the power he possesses to live through all time, embalmed in the memory of the afflicted, and meriting their blessing. How deep the consolations then, in store for him who shall provide a home for the sightless! Humanity is too deeply interested in the establishment of a charity so noble, to admit a doubt, that its claim on Christian philanthropy will be heard and acknowledged."

On the subject of the sale of articles manufactured by our pupils, Mr. Tower remarks:—"In October last, a store was opened on Race Street, in the south-end of the workshop adjoining the main building for the wholesale and retail of all articles manufactured by the pupils. The public may rely on the quality of the materials used in the manufacture of these articles. They will be sold at their actual value, and not a farthing asked on the score of charity. This will, it is hoped, induce housekeepers, in want of coarse carpets, door-mats, baskets, and most kind of brushes, to visit the Institution, from time to time, and make their purchases, and send their carpet-rags to be woven. Owners of pianos, can have them kept in order, by the year, on reasonable terms, by application at the Institution. Nothing is more encouraging to the blind, than to have the articles they make sell rapidly, it increases their prospects of an honorable independence, and thereby gladdens the hours devoted to patient toil; for it should not be forgotten, that by unwearied industry, alone, they can acquire the skill required to supply the loss of sight."

At the close of 1842, one of our pupils, who had completed his course in the Institution, Eli Whelan, was appointed assistant in this department, and has given entire satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. In this connexion we have the pleasure to report that our pupils have received the award of an honourable mention from the Franklin Institute, for the specimens of manufactures deposited in their exhibition in October last.

The mild but firm character of the discipline of the school, the kindly interest taken by the officers in the welfare of the pupils, and the increased efficiency of the organization of the different departments, has sensibly promoted the happiness, the intellectual and moral progress, and the prospect of future usefulness of our pupils. The officers of the Institution at the present time are the following:

DAVID B. TOWER, Principal.

HALL GRANDGENT,

MISS LAURA M. COLTON, } Assistant Teachers.

F. RASCHÉ, Teacher of Music.

C. H. MEYER, Master of Handicraft.

MRS. LEAH ANN SHARPLESS, Mistress of ditto.

ELI WHELAN, (blind,) Assistant Teacher of ditto.

MRS. ELIZA WHITE, Matron.

MICHAEL SNIDER, Printer.

The number of pupils in the Institution is 59; of whom 46 are from Pennsylvania, 7 from Maryland, 4 from New Jersey, 1 from the District of Columbia, and 1 from China. Forty-five of them are at the charge of the States from which they come, and fourteen at the charge of the Institution. A list of the pupils will be found in the appendix to this Report, (No. 1.)

In reference to the child from China, admitted at the close of the year, Mr. Tower observes, in the same report from which we have before quoted,

“Among the late admissions is a very interesting girl from China, nine years of age, adopted and brought to this country by Mrs. Gutzlaff, the lady of the celebrated missionary. Six others from the same place were brought to this country and Europe by this lady, for instruction in the various institutions for the Blind. In the present favorable aspect of China, with the whole country thrown open, for the first time, to the Gospel teacher, and presenting a wide field for missionary labours, these children possess a peculiar interest to the philanthropist and the Christian. How anxiously shall we wait for the completion of their education, and their return to their native land, to convince the Chinese, that those who are deprived of sight, are not mere excrescences on the face of society, but that they can be taught, can in most cases support themselves, and can be useful and happy. As intellectual, moral and religious teachers, they may yet do much to enlighten their countrymen, and by word and deed, to win them from idolatry to the worship of the living God. Little Fanny is very intelligent, and reads remarkably well; she shows that great and unwearied efforts have been made for her improvement by the excellent lady who has been to her even more than a mother. This child will claim a large share in the affection of those to whose charge she is now entrusted.”

During the year several of our pupils who have completed their term in the Institution have been discharged, and are now working at their trades; of those, three were from Delaware—all of whom are doing well. One is a teacher of music in an institution for the blind, another in this city, and a third supports himself by his trade. One of our pupils has been discharged at his own request, on account of ill health, and we have had the misfortune to lose another by consumption.

The printing department has been kept up on a moderate scale. “The Student’s Magazine” is still regularly issued,

but the matter is restricted to selections. A list of the books published at this Institution, is appended to this report, (No. II.)

In consequence of the fall of the securities, in which the legacy of our munificent patron, Mr. Y. Birch, consisted, the resources, both immediate and prospective, of the Institution, from that quarter, are sadly curtailed, and its very existence is made again to depend upon the support extended by our own Commonwealth, and by the adjacent States, who send pupils to the Institution. When this bequest was received, the value of the securities composing it, was estimated by the executors, at \$158,287 09; which yielded an income of \$8,579 40. At the present time, the treasurer estimates the value of the securities at interest \$71,549, the income for the year just closed, was only \$3,635 50; and the probable estimated income for the next year, is even less in amount. Under these circumstances, it is plain that great economy is required to keep the expenditure within the means of the Institution; and that nothing less than the dispersion of our pupils could follow any withdrawal of the aid now received from our State. The Report of the Committee of Audit and Inspection, accompanied by the Treasurer's Accounts, for the past year, is herewith submitted, (Appendix, No. III.)

It is with no ordinary feelings of gratification that the Board, in closing their report, are enabled to communicate an act of liberality on the part of the authorities of the State of New Jersey, which not only provides for the further education of several deserving pupils now in the Institution, but extends the period of instruction of all who may be found worthy; from five years, the period previously prescribed, to eight years, the term allowed by our own Commonwealth. This act having been passed immediately after a visit by our pupils to Trenton, when the Legislature was in session; it attests that their improvement has been such as to merit

high commendation, and to give a reasonable prospect of further culture. It must be a gratifying reflection to them, that they have not only benefited themselves, but have also been the means of benefiting the blind throughout New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

In behalf of the Managers,

(Signed,) B. W. RICHARDS, *Vice-President.*

HENRY W. SAFFORD, *Secretary.*

(Appendix No. I.)

LIST OF PUPILS IN THE INSTITUTION,

MARCH, 1843.

Sarah Marsh,	Pennsylvania.	Theodore Myers,	Pennsylvania.
Mary Ann Mallett,	do	Richard Guyn,	do
Hannah Gillem,	do	Eli Whelan,	do
Hannah Newborough,	do	Philip Feterow,	do
Rachel Laird,	do	Joseph Ramsey,	do
Elizabeth Solomon,	do	Jonathan Dyer,	do
Mary E. Wiley,	Maryland.	Samuel Pyle,	do
Mary V. Roberts,	Pennsylvania.	John Robinson,	do
Matilda Hankins,	New Jersey.	William Keim,	do
Elizabeth Adolph,	Pennsylvania.	Patrick Kelly,	do
Sarah Ann Dandy,	New Jersey.	Samuel McGiffin,	do
Elizabeth A. Fennimore,	do	Jacob Berry,	do
Maria Gill,	Pennsylvania.	Henry Boyer,	do
Mary Donelly,	do	John Shule,	Maryland.
Marcia Finney,	do	Hugh Coyle,	Pennsylvania.
Anna Fithian,	do	George Lafferty,	do
Emma Westby,	do	John Lawrence,	New Jersey.
Rebecca E. Lafleur,	Maryland.	John Lankford,	Maryland.
Maria Jones,	Pennsylvania.	John Jones,	do
Elvina Wasley,	do	M. Bennis Clark,	Pennsylvania.
Sarah E. Whittington,	Maryland.	John James,	do
Maria Foote,	Washington, D.C.	Hugh McLean,	do
Sarah Lynch,	Maryland.	John F. Wendell,	do
Mary Wheaton,	Pennsylvania.	Walter S. Fortescue,	do
Rebecca Raney,	do	Cyrus Dubbs,	do
P. Elizabeth Fithian,	do	David Ireland,	do
Maria Cormany,	do	James J. Peebles,	do
Nancy Henderson,	do	David Loughery,	do
Fanny Gutzlaff,	China, (Asia.)	Brice Henderson,	do
		William Harder,	do

(Appendix No. II.)

BOOKS

PUBLISHED IN THE "PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION, FOR THE
INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND."

The Gospel of Mark, 160 pages, 4to. 1833.

Early Days of Washington, and Declaration of Independence of the United States, 71 pages, 8vo. 1834.

Die Ostereier, (German) 84 pages, folio cap.

The Books of Ruth and Esther, 50 pages, do.

Guide to Spelling, 86 pages, do.

Proverbs of Solomon, 96 pages, do.

Auswahl (Selections in German,) 44 pages, do.

Select Library for the Blind, 5 vols., 100 pages each, fol. cap. 1839.

Student's Magazine, (published monthly) 5 vols., from 1838 to 1842, inclusive.

French Verbs, 25 pages, full size, cap sheet.

Church Music, 3 vols., full size, 100 pages each.—This selection contains more than 150 popular tunes of standard church music; and it will greatly assist the student in acquiring a practical knowledge of thorough bass.*

Psalms and Hymns, 68 pages, full size cap.—This volume contains one hundred and seventy-five Psalms and Hymns, in common use, and adapted to the above selection of church music.

A Short Dictionary of Musical Terms.

For the last two years, little has been done in the printing department. As a separate account will be kept of the

* These volumes of music have been used with great success here, and in two similar institutions; their appearance and utility have elicited the commendation of foreign professors of music, who have visited the Institution.

funds of this department, any donation or bequest to it, will be exclusively appropriated to multiplying works for the blind.

All legacies and donations to the printing fund, to aid in supplying the blind with books, should specify that particular object.

FORM OF A LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," located in Philadelphia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate,) all that, etc., (if personal,) the sum of, etc.

(Appendix No. III.)

R E P O R T

Of the Committee of Audit and Inspection, Feb'y 17, 1843.

The Committee of Audit and Inspection, appointed at the first stated meeting, in February, 1843,

REPORT :—

The recent amendments in the by-laws, under which the Committee has been appointed, contemplate numerous changes in the mode of keeping the accounts of the Institution, and auditing its expenditures. The shortness of the time which has elapsed since the new by-laws were adopted has not permitted all those changes to go into full effect, and has thus made it impracticable for this Committee to perform all the duties which are in terms devolved on it. Future committees will have the means of ascertaining the income, derivable or derived, from the several sources of the year, by a simple inspection of the Treasurer's books; and

his disbursements, determined in the first instance from his vouchers, will be classified and checked by the minutes of the several Committees of the Board.

The present Committee have been unable to examine the accounts of the Institution, except so far as they are found on the Treasurer's books, and in the vouchers in his hands. Having carefully examined and compared these, they find that the annexed exhibits, marked A and B, are a correct statement of the Treasurer's accounts at the commencement of the present year; the balance in favour of the Birch Legacy Fund, being - - - - \$15,066 90 and the balance against the general fund, - 8,570 67

thus leaving a consolidated balance of - \$6,496 23 in the hands of the Treasurer, on the 31st of Dec., 1842; which balance stood, on that day, to the credit of the Treasurer, as such, on the books of the Bank of North America. From the report of the Committee of Finance for the month of January, 1843, it appears that this balance was reduced by the transactions of that month to the sum of \$3,259 93; which last sum remained, on the 1st instant, to the Treasurer's credit in Bank.

The Committee has also inspected "the securities, certificates, and other evidences of property" belonging to the Institution, and annex a schedule, marked C, in which they are particularly described. They remain in the custody of the Chairman of the Committee of Finance.

All which, is respectfully submitted.

A. G. WATERMAN,
JACOB G. MORRIS,
J. K. KANE,

Committee of Audit and Inspection.

February 17th, 1843.

A.

Dr. *Oliver Fuller, Treasurer of the "Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind,"* Cr.

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1842.		1842.	
To am't rec'd from State of New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, 8,403 54	\$429 31	March 1, By balance due the Treasurer, . . .	\$8018 99
	1,600 00	Loss on \$8403 54 received from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, . . .	727 91
10,432 85		Orders drawn by the Board, and chargeable as follows, viz:	
Pay Pupils, . . .	. . .	1. Salaries, . . .	\$4346 64
Annual Contributions, . . .	. . .	2. School, . . .	384 31
Donations, . . .	. . .	3. Manufacturing, . . .	1600 82
Exhibitions, . . .	. . .	4. Printing, . . .	251 62
Sales of Merchandise, . . .	. . .	5. Building, . . .	1071 39
Subscribers to Student's Magazine, . . .	. . .	6. Clothing, . . .	418 43
Order No. 701, drawn twice, . . .	. . .	7. Special, . . .	1311 27
Interest on deposit in Bank of Pennsylvania, . . .	. . .	8. Maintenance, . . .	2223 47
Balance due Treasurer, . . .	. . .		11607 95
8570 67		The items making the sum of \$1,311 27, charged as "Special" (7) are as follows, viz:	
		Fuel 444 72, labour 30 87, gardening 112 20, . . .	587 79
		Printing, Advertising, Stationery, 60 46, Washing 278 35, . . .	338 81
		Furniture, hardware and tin-ware, . . .	128 00
		White-washing 67 26, sundry small items, 189 41, . . .	256 67
			\$20,354 85

Memorandum by Committee of Finance :

To Birch Legacy Fund : for this amount of Receipts from said Fund, from the time said Estate passed to the Institution, . . . \$15,066 90

Examined and found to be correct.

A. G. WATERMAN,
JACOB G. MORRIS,
J. K. KANE,

Committee of Audit and Inspection.

February 17, 1843.

1843.

Jan. 2, By Balance due the Treasurer, . . . \$8,570 67

[E. E.]

OLIVER FULLER,
Treasurer.

\$15,066 90

Balance against Treasurer " Birch Legacy,"
Deduct balance as above stated, . . .

8,570 67

Balance in Bank, . . .

6,496 23

January 2, 1843.

B.

DR. *Oliver Fuller, Treasurer of the "Birch Legacy."*

1842.

March 1,	To balance, as per account rendered,	\$13,431 30
April 1,	Interest from H. S. Tanner, on account,	100 00
26,	Six months interest on J. Scheidel's bond,	60 00
	Six months interest on L. Brechemin's bond,	45 00
May 6,	Six months interest on C. & S. Kearney's bond of J. Battin,	22 50
10,	Interest on Phila., Wilmington & Baltimore R. R. Co.,	10 50
12,	Dividend of Germantown & P. Turnpike Co.,	5 00
	Do on Chesnut Hill & S. H. Turnpike Co.,	63 00
26,	Do on Chel. & Willow Grove do	60 80
July 20,	Do on Union Insurance Company,	34 20
	Do on Lancaster Turnpike Company,	270 00
Aug. 22,	Interest, 6 months, on Glenn & Johnson's mortgage of J. H. Brolaskey,	132 00
25,	Interest, 6 months, on Fred. Brown's do	600 00
Sept. 1,	Do from H. S. Tanner, on account,	20 00
Oct. 20,	Do 6 months, on L. Brechemin's bond,	45 00
	Do do on C. & S. Kearney's bond,	22 50
Nov. 29,	Do do on Jacob Scheidel's bond,	60 00
Dec. 10,	Dividend on C. H. & S. H. Turnpike Co.,	31 50
22,	Do on C. & W. G. do	53 60
1843.		
Jan 2,	To balance due "Birch Legacy,"	\$15,066 90

OLIVER FULLER,

Treasurer "Birch Legacy."

Examined and found to be correct.

A. G. WATERMAN,

JACOB G. MORRIS,

J. K. KANE,

Committee of Audit and Inspection.

February 17, 1843.

C.

SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES,

*Certificates, and other Evidences of Property, in the Custody of
the Committee of Finance, February 17, 1843.*

An Exemplification of the Act of Incorporation.

Deeds.—For the real estate occupied by the Institution, viz.,
Knowles Taylor, and wife, 13th June, 1835, and Isaac
S. Loyd, and wife, 23d July, 1838.

— For three town lots, in Beula, Somerset county, Penn-
sylvania.

Policies of Insurance.—By the Philadelphia Contribution-
ship, (perpetual,) on the principal building of the Insti-
tution, for \$12,000, and on the workshop, for \$1,000.

— On the several premises mortgaged to the Institution,
except those of Thomas Hughes.

<i>Bonds and Mortgages.</i> —Frederick Brown, - - -	\$20,000
Glenn & Johnson, - - -	4,400
Henry S. Tanner, - - -	6,000
Thomas Hughes, - - -	1,000
C. & S. Kearney, - - -	750
L. Brechemin, - - -	1,500
J. Scheidel, - - -	2,000
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	\$35,650

Certificates of Stocks, etc.—

54	certificates of	1 share	Phil. and Lanc. Turnpike Co.
1	do	231 shares	American Fire Insurance Co.
15	do	\$30,000,	Loan of Union Canal Company.
1	do	3,791,	Do Do Do
2	do	20 shares	Union Canal.
1	do	\$51,531.69	Loan of Lehigh Nav. Co.
1	do	3,401.11	Do Do Do

Certificates of Stocks, etc.—

1	certificate of 50 shares, N. Orleans Canal & Bk'g Co.
1	do 5 shares, Ches. & Del. Canal Co.
1	do 35 shares, Phil. & Balt. Railroad Co.
1	do \$350, Loan of Do Do
1	do 1 share, New Cast. Fh. T. Railroad Co.
10	do of Loan in Franklin Institute.
1	do 21 shares, C. H. & S. H. Turnpike Co.
1	do 16 shares, Chelt'n & W. G. Turnp. Co.
1	do 19 shares, Union Insurance Co.
1	do 2 shares, Germ. & P. Turnpike Co.
1	do \$1,467.13, Pennsylvania State 5's.
1	do 1,532.87, Do Do
1	do 75 Do 6's.
°	70 shares, Columbia Insurance Company, N. Y., and shares in Eagle Fire In- surance Company, N.Y., Mutual In- surance Company, N. Y., Centre Turnpike Company, Pennsylvania Slate Company, Philad'a Domestic Society, Pennsylvania Vine Com- pany, Susq. & Lehigh Company.

A. G. WATERMAN,
JACOB G. MORRIS,
J. K. KANE,

Committee of Audit and Inspection.

February 17, 1843.

(Appendix No. IV.)

THE

"PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION
OF THE BLIND."

Located on the N. W. corner of Schuylkill Third and Sassafras Streets, in the City of Philadelphia, conducted under the direction of a Board of Managers, by DAVID B. TOWER, A. M., Principal, assisted by competent Instructors in the various Departments of Mental and Mechanical Instruction, and in Music.

The undersigned, Committee of Admission and Discharge, hereby give notice, that they will receive applications for pupils, to be admitted into the Institution, The Legislatures of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland, have made provision for the education of portions of the indigent blind, residing in their several States. Applicants for the bounty of either of the above named Commonwealths must conform to the requisitions, and the acts of their respective legislatures, before they can be admitted, and they are required to furnish satisfactory evidence from respectable persons in their neighborhoods, of the pecuniary inability of the parents, and of the good natural intellect and constitution of the pupil, as set forth in the annexed queries.

In all cases, any existing regulations of the Board of Managers, of which the applicants may receive special notice, must be complied with.

Each pupil shall, on admission, be provided by their parents or guardians, with a change of good comfortable clothing, which must be renewed, when required, by the parents or guardians. The names of the owners must be marked on all articles of clothing.

For the better information of persons at a distance, the form of application will, upon application, be forwarded to them.

Pay scholars, from this and other States, will be received. For terms, make application by letter, (post paid,) to David B. Tower, Principal; or to either of the undersigned members of the "Committee of Admission and Discharge."

FRANKLIN PEALE, Mint of the U. S., Philadelphia.

H. W. SAFFORD, No. 81 Dock Street.

HENRY M. WATTS, No. 282 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, March, 1843.

(Appendix No. V.)

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE CONTRIBUTORS, AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING,
March 6, 1843.

At the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Contributors to the "Pennsylvania Institution, for the Instruction of the Blind," held at the Institution, March 6th, 1843,

James Taylor, Esq., was called to the Chair, and *David B. Tower*, chosen Secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and the Managers submitted their Annual Report, comprising the Reports of the Committees of Instruction and Finance, and the Treasurer's Accounts of the receipts and expenditures.

On motion, the following Resolutions were successively adopted:—

Resolved, That the Report and Documents just submitted, be referred to the Board of Managers, to be printed.

Resolved, That the Principal be requested to send a copy of the Annual Report, when printed, to each of the Contributors.

Resolved, That the Contributors proceed to elect a Board of Managers for the ensuing year.

The Tellers, appointed by the Chair, reported that the following gentlemen were duly elected officers and managers of the Institution.

PRESIDENT.

BENJAMIN W. RICHARDS.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Robert M. Patterson,	Samuel Breck,
A. Dallas Bache,	John U. Fraley.

TREASURER.

GEORGE W. EDELMAN.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

J. FRANCIS FISHER.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

ROBERT PATTERSON.

CONSULTING PHYSICIAN.

CHARLES D. MEIGS.

VISITING PHYSICIANS.

Anthony E. Stocker,	Meredith Clymer.
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MANAGERS.

John K. Kane,	Henry M. Watts,
Albert G. Waterman,	Edward King,
Franklin Peale,	Frederick Fraley,
Thomas S. Kirkbride,	Jacob G. Morris,
T. Mason Mitchell,	Henry W. Safford,
Peter McCall,	Oliver Fuller.

[Adjourned.]

JAMES TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

DAVID B. TOWER, *Secretary.*

(Appendix No. VI.)

COMMITTEES

*Of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution
for the Instruction of the Blind, for the years 1843-4.*

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